<u>REMARKS</u>

This Amendment, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated February 10, 2006, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-33 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 7 and 14 have been canceled.

In the Advisory Action dated February 10, 2006, the Examiner indicates that claims 7, 14, 19 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 7. Independent claim 8 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form. Consequently, claims 1, 8 and 19 and their dependent claims should also be deemed allowable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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